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Applicant : Vroman ) Group Art Unit 1616  
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For : MICRONIZED VITAMIN C )  
FORMULATION )  
Examiner : M. Williamson )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 and before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is set forth below. Thus, no fee is required as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Applicant submits herein U.S. Patent No. 5,308,621 to Taylor, et al. ("Taylor"). While this patent may be considered relevant to the Examiner, it does not effect the patentability of the pending claims as Taylor describes neither (i) a composition in which the pH of the formulation is greater than that of skin (pH is not mentioned in Taylor) nor (ii) a method of preparing a topical L-ascorbic acid composition in which ascorbic acid is micronized in oil.

Respectfully submitted,

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